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APPENDIX.

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMY

FOR THE SESSION 1868-69.

NOVEMBER 9, 1868.

LORD TALBOT DE MALAHIDE, President, in the Chair.

THE President, under his hand and seal, appointed the following Vice-Presidents :—

Sir Robert Kane, M.D., F.R.S., &c.

Rev. George Salmon, D.D., F.R.S., &c.

Rev. James H. Todd, D.D.

Sir William R. Wilde, M.D.

The following Papers were read :—

“ On the Imaginary Roots of Numerical Equations, with an Investigation and Proof of Newton’s Rule ;” by J. R. Young, Esq.

“ On a recently discovered Cave called ‘ Gillies’ Hole,’ near Derrygonnelly, Co. Fermanagh ;” by W. H. Wakeman, Esq.

Donations were presented, and thanks voted to the several donors.

STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 30, 1868.

LORD TALBOT DE MALAHIDE, President, in the Chair.

The following recommendation of the Council was adopted :—

“ That the security in form of Bond required from the Treasurer be fixed at one thousand pounds instead of at two thousand (£2000), as per Resolution of the Academy on 27th April, 1857.”

A letter from the Right Hon. the Earl of Charlemont was read, offering for the acceptance of the Academy a series of seventy-four Terra Cotta busts of the Roman Emperors and their families, modelled after the original antiques in the Capitoline Museum at Rome by an eminent Roman statuary named Simon Vierpyle.

The special and marked thanks of the Academy were given to the Earl of Charlemont for his valuable donation.

The following Papers were read :—

“ On the Occurrence of Bones and Wood in Mineral Lodes ;” by W. K. Sullivan, Ph. D.

“ On Cromleachs and Megalithic Structures ;” by Hodder M. Westropp, Esq.

Donations were presented, and thanks voted to the several donors.

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DECEMBER 14, 1868.

LORD TALBOT DE MALAHIDE, President, in the Chair.

The following Papers were read :—

“Contributions to the Flora of the Seychelles,” Part I.—“On new and rare Species,” by Professor E. Perceval Wright.

“On the Early English Public Records relating to Ireland;” by H. S. Sweetman, Esq.

Donations were presented, and thanks voted to the several donors.

JANUARY 11, 1869.

JOHN T. GILBERT, Esq., F.S.A., Librarian, in the Chair.

The following Papers were read :—

“A Necrological Notice on the late George Victor Du Noyer, Esq.,” by Alphonse Gages, Esq.

“Contributions to the History of the Terebenes :”—I. “On Colophonine and Colophonie Hydrate;” by Charles R. C. Tichborne, Esq.

“Some Remarks on the Scientific Labours and Memory of August Schleicher;” by Dr. Lottner.

“Notes on Ogham Stones;” by Hodder M. Westropp, Esq.

Donations were presented, and thanks voted to the several donors.

JANUARY 25, 1869.

SIR W. R. WILDE, M.D., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following Paper was read :—

“On the Goddess of War of the Ancient Irish;” by William M. Hennessy, Esq.

FEBRUARY 8, 1869.

LORD TALBOT DE MALAHIDE, President, in the Chair.

Very Rev. Patrick F. Moran, D.D.; and William MacCormac, M.D., were elected Members of the Academy.

The following Address to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, adopted by the Academy at its last Meeting, and His Excellency's answer thereto, were read :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

“We, the President, Council, and Members of the Royal Irish Academy, beg leave to present to your Excellency our sincere congratulations on your appointment, by Her Most Gracious Majesty, to the high office of Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. We address your Excellency with the greater pleasure as being the possessor of one of the noblest

literary collections ever formed in these countries by a single individual, and as the inheritor of those cultivated tastes in which that collection originated.

"This Academy was chartered in the year 1786, for the promotion of scientific, literary, and antiquarian research. It has numbered amongst its members many of the distinguished men whom our country has produced since its foundation, and we think we may venture to affirm that it has in various ways done good service to the cause of science and learning in Ireland.

"It has devoted itself with special zeal to the illustration of our National History and Archæology. It has brought together a valuable collection of the ancient manuscript literature of Ireland, the use of which it freely offers to students of the subject. It has also formed a Museum of Irish Antiquities, which has been declared by competent judges to be one of the best existing national collections of its kind. This Museum is open to the public, and we have printed a descriptive catalogue of several of its departments with a view to make its contents generally known, and enable visitors to understand and appreciate them.

"Your Excellency will find in our Transactions a number of original memoirs on the various branches of mathematical, physical, and natural science, by which important discoveries and inventions were for the first time brought under public notice.

"At the meetings of the Academy, cultivators of science and literature, of different creeds and parties, are brought together on common grounds, and the lesson of mutual forbearance and respect—so valuable in a country like ours—is practically, and, we are happy to add, successfully taught.

"By virtue of the high office your Excellency now holds, you are Visitor of the Academy. Its labours have been encouraged and aided by several of your predecessors in the Government of Ireland, and we hope that your Excellency will find time, in the intervals of more urgent occupations, to make yourself acquainted with our proceedings, and that you will use the influence of your exalted position to further our exertions for the public good.

"We trust that the period of your Excellency's administration may be one marked by the happiest results for our country, in the increase of social harmony and industrial activity, and in the progress of those scientific and literary studies which it is the office of this Academy to foster and promote."

MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, AND MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY,—

"I receive with much pleasure the Address which you have just presented to me as representative of the Queen.

"I value the important work which a Society like yours performs in carefully collecting, arranging, and developing the scientific, literary, and antiquarian riches of a country.

"No labours can be too great which make known to a people its national history. Ireland is rich in the monuments of the past. They are a source of just pride and abounding interest to the student.

"The cultivation of the Arts and Sciences is a happy bond of union between men of different creeds and parties. I earnestly hope that the spirit of mutual forbearance and respect which the meetings of learned societies tend to promote, may extend itself even to those who are charged with the consideration of questions affecting the general welfare of the people of this country.

"I feel pride in having inherited the library to which you refer. I have always learnt from my predecessors that the possession of books or other works of historical interest is in some sense a public trust, and if I am led to believe that any of the rarer works at Althorp would interest the members of your Society, it will be a pleasure to me to place them at your disposal.

"It will afford me gratification to visit the interesting collection of Irish Antiquities of which you speak, and to make myself acquainted with the proceedings of your Society."

A draft of Regulations for the office of Treasurer, and for the disbursements of the funds of the Academy, was brought up, and referred to Council for reconsideration.

The following Papers were read :—

"On the Names of Irish Rivers;" by Owen Connellan, LL. D.

"On Ancient Sepulchral Monuments in the County of Galway;" by Michael Brogan, Esq.

FEBRUARY 22, 1869.

LORD TALBOT DE MALAHIDE, President, in the Chair.

The following Paper was read :—

"On an ancient Chalice and Brooches lately found at Ardagh in the County of Limerick," by the Right Hon. the Earl of Dunraven.

The following Regulations for the Office of Treasurer, &c., proposed by the Council, and referred back to them for re-consideration, were adopted and confirmed by the Academy :—

Regulations for the Office of Treasurer, and for the Disbursement of the Funds of the Royal Irish Academy, recommended by Council for adoption by the Academy.

Of the Duties of the Treasurer.

I. The Treasurer's duty shall be to keep an account of the income and expenditure of the Academy; to lodge all moneys received to the account of the Academy; to notice such members as may be in arrear of

their subscriptions, and to receive all subscriptions and other payments due to the Academy.

[*This is the existing Section 8 of Chapter VI. of By-laws of Academy, page 26.*]

II. The Treasurer shall, on his election, give security in form of bond for £1000, or such other amount as the Academy may deem fit.

III. The Treasurer shall keep a set of account books, exhibiting the receipts and expenditure of the Academy in such form as may from time to time be approved of by the Council.

IV. The Treasurer shall prepare a statement of receipts and expenditure, to be presented annually, in such form, and at such time, as the Council shall direct.

V. Immediately after the close of each financial year, the Council shall appoint a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

[*This is Section 10 of Chapter VI. of existing By-laws, page 26.*]

VI. Payments shall be made by the Treasurer's draft on the Bank, countersigned by one of the following Officers of the Academy, viz. :—The Secretary of the Academy, the Secretary of Council, or the Librarian.

[*This would supersede Section 9 of Chapter VI. of existing By-laws, page 26.*]

VII. In the absence or illness of the Treasurer, such other Member of Council as the Treasurer may propose, and the Council approve, shall be authorized to act for him, and sign drafts on the Bank.

Of Receipts of Payments.

I. An estimate shall be annually prepared, and submitted to Council by the Treasurer, exhibiting the probable income and expenditure of the Academy for the ensuing financial year, under the different heads of account.

II. Amounts derived from Life Compositions, Interest of Life Composition Stock, and of the Cunningham Fund Stock, shall be invested from time to time in such Public Securities as Council may direct.

III. The Council may delegate to its Committees the expenditure of the sums allocated by Parliament to special departments.

IV. No sum of, or exceeding, £10 shall be granted by any Committee, except that of publication, without previous notice having been given at a meeting, and inserted on the summonses sent to each member of that Committee for the meeting at which the money is proposed to be voted.

V. Amounts voted in due form by Committees to whom the expenditure of allocated sums has been delegated, may be paid by the Treasurer without being brought before Council.

VI. Any money grant by the Committee of Science of, or over, £20 shall be subject to approval of Council and of the Academy.

VII. The salaries and wages of officers and persons employed, under sanction of the Council, as also postages and contingencies, may be paid from time to time by the Treasurer as they become due, without order from Council or Committees.

VIII. The sanction of the Academy shall be requisite for the expenditure of any sum exceeding £20 not included in the Estimate for the year.

[This will supersede the following Section 4, of Chapter VII., page 27, which it is proposed to repeal:—

Provided always that if any sum or sums of money, not exceeding £20, shall be disposed of by the Council, between any two meetings of the Academy, the act of Council shall be definite.]

IX. No portion of the Academy's funded or other property shall be transferred, sold, or disposed of, except upon recommendation of Council, sanctioned by vote of the Academy.

Of the Corporate Seal of the Academy.

I. The Corporate Seal of the Academy shall be in the joint custody of the President and Treasurer for the time being.

II. The President, and during his absence, such Vice-President as he may authorize in due form, and the Treasurer, or such other Officer as the Council may appoint, shall be the parties to attest the affixing of the Corporate Seal of the Academy to documents.

III. The Corporate Seal of the Academy shall not be affixed to any instrument for sale or transfer of any of the Academy's funded or other property, unless by vote of the Academy, on recommendation of Council.

READ :—

A letter from the Honorary Secretaries of the Royal Geological Society of Ireland, requesting the co-operation of the Academy in making an application to the Government in behalf of the widow and orphans of the late George V. Du Noyer, with a view of obtaining for them a pension from the Civil List for Literary Pensions; whereupon it was resolved :—

“That the President and Vice-Presidents of the Academy, with power to add to their number, be requested to act as a Committee to communicate with the Royal Geological Society and other bodies, with reference to a memorial to the Government on behalf of the widow and children of the late George V. Du Noyer.”

Donations were presented, and thanks voted to the donors.

STATED MEETING, MARCH 16, 1869.

LORD TALBOT DE MALAHIDE, President, in the Chair.

The following Report of the Council was read, and adopted :—

REPORT.

SINCE our last Report was submitted to the Academy, the following Paper has been printed in our "Transactions" :—

On Ziphilus Sowerbyi. By Mr. W. Andrews.

The three following are nearly ready for issue :—

On the Histology of the Test of the Palliobranchiata. By Professor W. King.

On Bicircular Quartics. By Mr. John Casey; and

Contributions to the History of the Terebentes, Part I. By Mr. C. R. C. Tichborne.

The printing of Part III. of the Tenth Volume of the "Proceedings" is almost completed, and it will very soon be in the hands of Members.

We have received communications in the past year—

In Science, from Mr. John Kelly, Professor Hennessy, Mr. J. R. Young, Professor W. K. Sullivan, Professor E. Perceval Wright, and Mr. Charles R. C. Tichborne.

In Polite Literature, from Mr. H. S. Sweetman, Professor Lottner, Mr. W. M. Hennessy, and Professor Connellan.

In Antiquities, from Mr. W. H. Wakeman, Mr. H. M. Westropp, Rev. J. F. Shearman, Dr. William Frazer, Mr. Henry Parkinson, Rev. James Graves, Mr. R. R. Brash, Mr. G. V. Du Noyer, Mr. Michael Brogan, and the Earl of Dunraven.

The year which has now come to a close has been a very laborious one for the Council and Officers of the Academy. In consequence of having obtained a large addition to our annual grant, we have been led to adopt measures for improving the condition of our several departments, and reorganizing our system in various important respects; and this has made necessary an unusual amount both of joint deliberation and of individual effort.

The necessity of appointing a Library and a Museum Clerk had been long felt, and had been again and again urged on the Government as one of the reasons for increasing the amount of our grant. A portion of the additional sum voted by Parliament having been allocated to this purpose, the Council proceeded to take steps for the selection of persons to fill these offices. After repeated discussion of the subject and much correspondence, it was decided to open the appointments to general competition, without nomination. It was also judged expedient, after a correspondence with the Civil Service Commissioners, to place the examination of Candidates in their hands, the Council prescribing the qualifications to be required. The examination has already taken place,

and we have received a communication announcing the results, which, however, are as yet only provisional, inquiries having still to be made, as to the age, health, and character of the successful Candidates. The Council have had under consideration a body of regulations respecting the duties of the Library and Museum Clerks. In consequence of the increased labours recently thrown on the Treasurer's department, it is recommended that the salary of the Assistant Accountant should be raised to an equality with those proposed to be paid to the Clerks above mentioned.

The additional grants (amounting to £1000) being given for special objects, and being incapable of diversion from those objects, their expenditure stands on a different footing from that of the ordinary funds of the Academy. In order to simplify the management of those grants, and to facilitate their judicious outlay, as well to improve our general financial system, it was thought desirable that a new code of laws should be enacted with respect to the duties of the Treasurer and the disbursement of our funds. Such a code has been drawn up after very careful consideration, and has recently received the sanction of the Academy.

A sum of £200 out of the additional grant is to be annually devoted to the assistance of persons engaged in conducting scientific inquiries of such a nature as to involve expenditure on instruments or materials, with the understanding that the results of such researches are to be brought before the Academy, and published in its "Transactions" or "Proceedings." A distribution of this fund was made, for the first time, in the past year, after careful examination into the claims of the several applicants. We have had the first fruits of this new arrangement in a valuable paper, read at one of our recent meetings; and other papers, produced under similar circumstances, will soon be ready for presentation to the Academy. The Council invite gentlemen proposing to undertake scientific researches during the coming year, and desiring to obtain aid from this fund, to send in their applications at the earliest possible date.

The late period of the year 1868 at which the Parliamentary allocation for the Library became available necessarily delayed the appointment of a Clerk, and also diminished the time for the execution of work in the Library department. At the request of the Council, however, the Librarian undertook, and by procuring temporary assistance, has carried out some important operations. A Catalogue of the printed books in the Haliday Collection has been prepared, and upwards of 15,000 of the Haliday pamphlets have also been catalogued. A new and more precise system of Library registration has been introduced from the commencement of the present year, and many deficiencies which had caused inconvenience have been supplied. Tables and desks for readers have been provided; but it is found difficult, in the space now available, to meet satisfactorily the requirements of the Library, or provide for the accommodation of those who have occasion to consult its collections.

In the Irish MSS. department, Professor Connellan has continued his labours on the Book of Conquests. A volume of the Catalogue of the Academy's Irish MSS., by him and Mr. O'Longan, in continuation of that by O'Curry, has been completed, and another is in progress. The compilation of the English Index to O'Curry's Catalogue, and to the Academy's Irish MSS., which has been for some time in progress, is completed, and volumes of it, embracing letters A to D (inclusive) are already bound and available for use. It is gratifying to the Council, that this work, with its companion Index to initial lines of Irish compositions, is found to be a most valuable aid to investigators in this department. All the Irish MSS. in the possession of the Academy have been examined in detail, and such as were not in good order have been bound and repaired. A local inventory of the collection is in progress, and Tables have been carefully prepared, indicating the present and previous location of every MS. which had formerly a place in the Library different from that which it now occupies.

As regards the Museum, we have to report that the number of objects of antiquarian interest, procured within the past year, has been below the usual average. Amongst those obtained under the Treasure Trove Regulations is a handsome gold torque, weighing 8 oz. 5 dwts.

On the 8th of December last we were informed that the Board of Works was empowered to expend £171 in forwarding the completion of the New Museum, and a Special Committee was appointed to communicate with that Board with respect to the works to be carried out. Three iron doors have been completed and put up, and locks, keys, and velvet edgings supplied for the doors of the cases in the Drawing-room. The old Council-room is to be fitted up as a Museum for the gold and ecclesiastical antiquities, and, with a view to this, the Board of Works will soon commence the necessary operations for rendering it fire-proof. In the meantime, such of our antiquities as had been stored in that room for some time past have been placed, but without any attempt at arrangement, in the cases in the Drawing-room.

A portion of the £200 allocated by Parliament for "objects connected with the study of antiquities" has been expended in the purchase of some valuable works of reference, which seemed indispensable aids in studying the contents of our Museum, especially that portion of them illustrative of ancient Irish art.

The Petrie collection has been deposited with us by the Government, but in consequence of the incomplete state of the arrangements relating to our Museum, it cannot at present be exhibited to the public.

We have to acknowledge a munificent donation, presented to the Academy within the last year, by the Right Hon. the Earl of Charlemont, consisting of a series of finely executed busts of Roman Emperors and Empresses, by Vierpyle, which formerly adorned the Library of his lordship's illustrious grandfather, the first President of the Academy.

Through the influence of Lord Dunraven, and by the kindness of the Right Rev. Dr. Butler, the Academy has had an opportunity of inspecting the beautiful chalice and other interesting antiques lately discovered

in the county of Limerick. It is hoped these admirable specimens of ancient Irish art will ere long find a permanent place in our National Museum.

In testimony of gratitude for the noble gift of the Haliday Library, the Council, acting on a resolution of the Academy, have had a portrait of Mr. Haliday executed by Mr. Catterson Smith, as a lasting memorial of the liberality and public spirit exhibited in the presentation to the Academy of that valuable collection.

Appended to this Report will be found a detailed statement of the income and expenditure of the Academy for so much of the financial year as has already elapsed. It will appear from this statement that we have funds adequate to discharge all liabilities already incurred, and that there remains a balance sufficient to meet expenditure up to the end of the present month.

The Treasurer has called the attention of the Council to the circumstance that the interest of the Cunningham Fund continues to be annually applied to the increase of our stock, and that no successful scheme has been devised for its appropriation to the encouragement of learning, by offering prizes for essays, or bestowing rewards on deserving authors. We agree with him in thinking that the Council should take into consideration the question how the interest of the fund can best be applied for its legitimate objects, and we recommend the subject to the attention of our successors.

The balance of the fund arising from sales of the Museum Catalogue, on the 1st April, 1868, amounted to £39 5s. 7d., and the produce of those sales during the past year, to £3 7s. 8d., making a total of £42 13s. 3d. This money is, by a resolution of the Academy, appropriated to the expenses attendant on a continuation of the Catalogue. As no progress in this work requiring aid from the fund has been made for some time, the Council have resolved that the amount accruing from the sales should be invested from time to time in Bank of Ireland Stock, there to remain available whenever any portion of it may be required for the purpose to which it has been devoted. The sum in hand has accordingly been invested.

We have lost, by death, the following Members within the past year:—

1. Hon. Judge Berwick, elected 8th April, 1861.
2. Geo. V. Du Noyer, Esq.; elected 24th August, 1857.
3. Sir Thomas Esmonde, Bart.; elected 12th April, 1847.
4. Baron Farnham, elected 11th November, 1844.
5. Samuel L. Hardy, M.D.; elected 8th February, 1858.
6. Sir John Kingston James, Bart.; elected 9th January, 1837.
7. F. Thomas Jessop, Esq.; elected 30th November, 1835.
8. General Sir H. D. Jones; elected 14th January, 1839.
9. Hon. Thomas D'Arcy M'Gee; elected 11th April, 1864.
10. Joseph M. O'Ferrall, M.D.; elected 30th November, 1832.
11. Thomas Richardson, M.D.; elected 12th January, 1863.
12. James West, Esq.; elected 11th February, 1856.

In this list are to be found the names of several persons who practically manifested a warm interest in the increase of our Museum. Lord Farnham was an earnest student of Irish antiquities, and presented to us many valuable articles from his private collection. Mr. West, it will be remembered, was the donor of the electrotype model of the Shrine of St. Molaise, the original of which has since become the property of the Academy. General Sir Harry Jones was always ready to use the influence of his official position to secure for our Museum, such objects of interest as were brought to light by the operations of the Board of Works or the Shannon Commission. But of all the Members whom the Academy has lost during the year, there is none to whom our grateful acknowledgments are due in the same degree as to George Victor Du Noyer. After the graceful and touching notice which we have had of him from the pen of one of his most intimate friends, it is not necessary here to describe the incidents of his career, or to dwell on the features of his character. Competent judges have borne testimony to the value of his official labours, and to his remarkable powers in the artistic treatment of geological scenery. But we cannot soon forget in this Academy the assiduity with which he applied his pencil to the illustration of our national antiquities, and the liberality with which he presented to us the fruits of his skill and his industry. He has left a permanent memorial of himself in the eleven folio volumes in our Library, which are filled with sketches, from his hand, of Irish architectural and monumental antiquities. The Academy showed its sense of the value of these gifts, by electing him a Life Member; and, since his death, it has publicly expressed the desire, in which the Council cordially unite, that the Government, in recognition of his various services to the public, would make a suitable provision for his bereaved family.

The following Ordinary Members have been elected since the 16th of March, 1868:—

1. James Little, M.D.; April 27, 1868.
2. Wm. Mac Cormac, M.D.; February 8, 1869.
3. Very Rev. Patrick F. Moran, D.D.; February 8, 1869.

The following President, Council, and Officers were elected for the year 1869–70:—

PRESIDENT.

The Right Hon. Lord Talbot de Malahide, F.R.S.

COUNCIL.

Committee of Science.

W. K. Sullivan, Ph. D.
 Rev. George Salmon, D.D., F.R.S.
 Henry Hennessy, F.R.S.

Samuel Downing, LL.D.
 Sir Robert Kane, M.D., F.R.S.
 William Stokes, MD., F.R.S.
 A. Searle Hart, F.T.C.D.

Committee of Polite Literature.

J. Kells Ingram, F.T.C.D.
 R. R. Madden, M.D.
 Rev. George Longfield, F.T.C.D.
 Samuel Ferguson, LL.D.
 Very Rev. C. W. Russell, D.D.
 Rev. John H. Jellett, M.A.
 Alexander George Richey, LL.B.

Committee of Antiquities.

J. T. Gilbert, F.S.A.
 W. H. Hardinge, Esq.
 Sir W. R. Wilde, M.D.
 Denis H. Kelly, Esq.
 W. J. O'Donovan, LL.D.
 Right Hon. the Earl of Dunraven, F.R.S.
 Colonel Meadows Taylor.

TREASURER.—W. H. Hardinge, Esq.
 SECRETARY OF ACADEMY.—W. K. Sullivan, Ph. D.
 SECRETARY OF COUNCIL.—John Kells Ingram, LL.D.
 SECRETARY OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.—Sir W. R. Wilde, M.D.
 LIBRARIAN.—John T. Gilbert, F.S.A.
 ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN, CURATOR OF MUSEUM, AND CLERK.—Edw. Clibborn, Esq.

The President, under his hand and seal, appointed the following Members of the Council Vice-Presidents for the ensuing year :—

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Right Hon The Earl of Dunraven, F.R.S.
 Sir Robert Kane, M.D., F.R.S.
 Rev. George Salmon, D.D., F.R.S.
 Sir W. R. Wilde, M.D.

The following gentlemen were elected Honorary Member of the Academy :—

In the Department of Science.

Victor Carus,	Leipsic.
Joseph Dalton Hooker, M.D.,	Kew.
M. Daubrée,	Paris,
Prof. Bunsen,	Heidelberg.

In the Department of Polite Literature.

Prof. Lassen, Bonn.
Don Pascual de Gayangos y Arce, . Madrid.

In the Department of Antiquities.

Don Antonio Benavides, President Royal
Academy, Madrid.
Major-General Sir Thomas A. Larcom,
F.R.S., &c., London.

APRIL 12, 1869.

DENIS H. KELLY, Esq. D.L., in the Chair.

Maurice Lenihan, Esq., J.P. ;
Ambrose More O'Farrell, Esq. ;
Rev. John O'Hanlon ;
Rev. James O'Laverty ;
George Sigerson, M.D. ;
Charles R. C. Tichborne, Esq. ;

were elected Members of the Academy.

A Paper "On a Modification of Regnault's Condensing Hygrometer, with Observations on the Psychrometer," by Michael Donovan, Esq., was read.

Donations were presented, and thanks voted to the donors.

APRIL 26, 1869.

LORD TALBOT DE MALAHIDE, President, in the Chair.

The President read the following papers :—

No. 1. "On Megalithic Remains in the Department of the Basses Pyrenées."

No. 2. "Notes on Prehistoric Remains in various Parts of Spain."

Donations were presented, and thanks voted to the several donors.

MAY 10, 1869.

LORD TALBOT DE MALAHIDE, President, in the Chair.

The following papers were read :—

"On 'Esparto,' with Botanical Descriptions of the Plants from which it is obtained," by W. Frazer, M.D. The author described its general uses, especially for preparing pulp for Paper Manufacture, and gave statistics of its importation into the British ports for some years past.

“On the Development of the Affections, Taste, and Moral Sentiments,” by the late Rev. Dr. Wills.

MAY 24, 1869.

LORD TALBOT DE MALAHIDE, President, in the Chair.

The following papers were read :—

“On an Agreement, in Irish, between the Mac Rannalls and Gerald, Ninth Earl of Kildare, executed at Maynooth in 1530, and sealed with the seal of the College of Maynooth,” by the Very Rev. Charles W. Russell, D. D.

“On the Föhn of the Alps, considered with reference to the Development of Glaciers,” by Henry Hennessy, Esq., F. R. S.

Donations were presented, and thanks voted to the several donors.

JUNE 14, 1869.

SIR WILLIAM R. WILDE, M. D., Vice-President, in the Chair.

Very Rev. James Kavanagh, D. D. ;

James H. O'Brien, Esq. ;

John C. O'Callaghan, Esq. ;

Sir Thomas Tobin, D. L. ;

were elected Members of the Academy.

The following papers were read :—

“On the Duties upon Irishmen in the Kildare Rental Book, as illustrated by the Mac Rannall Agreement,” by the Very Rev. C. W. Russell, D. D.

“On the English Language spoken in Ireland,” by the Rev. A. Hume, LL. D.

Donations were presented, and thanks voted to the several donors.

JUNE 28, 1869.

SIR ROBERT KANE, M. D., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The death of the Rev. James Henthorne Todd, D. D., ex-President of the Academy, having been announced,

It was unanimously RESOLVED,—“That the Academy do now adjourn for a fortnight, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.”

ADJOURNED MEETING, JULY 12, 1869.

W. J. O'DONNAN, LL. D., in the Chair.

The following Recommendation of the Council, of June 21, 1869, was unanimously adopted :—

“ That the seal of the Academy be affixed to the Deed between the Corporation of Dublin, the Commissioners of Public Works, and the Royal Irish Academy.”

It was RESOLVED,—“ That the President, or a Vice-President, and the Treasurer be empowered to affix the seal of the Academy to a power of attorney executed to the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Bank of Ireland, to receive and give receipts for all interest or dividends that are now due, or hereafter shall become due or payable, for our share or interest in the New Three Consolidated per Cent. Bank and other Stocks, in order that the same shall be carried to the credit of the Account of the Academy.”

The following papers were read :—

“ Part I. of his Report on Cohnheim's Researches on Suppuration,”
by J. M. Purser, M.B.

“ On the so-called *Eozoon Canadense*, a Mineral Pseudomorph,”
by Professors King and Rowney.

Donations were presented, and thanks voted to the several donors.

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNT OF W. H. HAR

FROM 31st MARCH, 18

RECEIPTS.					
Ledger page.	Heads of Accounts.	Receipts in Detail.			Gross Amount of each Class.
	SPECIAL RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	
6	Vote of Parliament for preparation of Scientific Reports,	200	0	0	
120	Vote of Parliament for a Museum Clerk and for other objects in aid of the study of Antiquities,	200	0	0	
116	Vote of Parliament for a Library Clerk and for cost of Books and Binding,	200	0	0	
126	Vote of Parliament for Illustrating "Transactions" and "Proceedings,"	200	0	0	
110	Vote of Parliament for Salary of an Irish Scribe and for Catalogueing and Printing Irish Manuscripts,	200	0	0	
150	Interest of the Cunningham Bequest and unappropriated Savings, funded in New 3 per cent. Stock (gross Stocks, £2176 18s. 3d.),	62	3	11	
130	Life Compositions for Annual Subscriptions (Consols, £1904 14s. 11d.),	60	18	0	
161	Produce of Sales of Museum Catalogue, B. I. S. (£17 5s. 9d.),	42	15	3	
					1165 15 2
	RECEIPTS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.				
	Cash balance on 1st April, 1868,	20	3	3	
1	Vote of Parliament in aid of General Funds,	584	0	0	
15	Annual Subscriptions,	243	12	0	
70	Interest of Life Composition Consol Stock,	54	2	8	
60	Entrance Fees,	15	15	0	
80	"Transactions" sold by Booksellers,	1	15	4	
90	"Proceedings" sold by Booksellers,	0	9	0	
310	"Proceedings" sold in the Academy,	0	12	0	
100	Other Publications sold,	0	7	0	
350	Miscellaneous Receipts,	0	16	6	
					921 12 9
THIS ACCOUNT AND BANK BALANCE RECONCILING ABSTRACT, VIZ.:—					
Balance per Bank Certificate,		£45	17	6	
Deduct outstanding drafts viz.,					
No. 185, to W. H. Fitch,		£14	0	0	
No. 187, to W. and A. K. Johnston,		14	10	9	
		28	10	9	
		17	6	9	
Add cash in Mr. Clibborn's hands:—					
For Incidents, A.,		2	4	0	
Ditto, in Mr. Hodges' hands:—					
For Postage, B.,		1	6	7	
		£20	17	4	
This account balances					£2087. 7 11

I solemnly and sincerely declare that the above Account is just and true, according to the best of my true.

Declared before me at Dublin Castle
(Signed) Jo

DINGE, TREASURER OF THE ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY,

18, 10 1st APRIL, 1869,

PAYMENTS.					
Ledger page.	Heads of Account.	Payments in Detail.			Gross Amount of each Class.
	SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.	£	s.	d.	
30	For preparation of Scientific Reports,	200	0	0	
250	For Museum objects, as contra,	200	0	0	
246	For Library objects, as contra,	200	0	0	
159 } 184 }	For Illustrating "Transactions" and "Proceedings," . .	200	0	0	
261	For Salary of Irish Scribe, &c., as per contra,	200	0	0	
325	For equivalent of 3 per cent. Stock, £66 16s 10d., . .	62	3	11	
300	For equivalent of Consol Stock, £65 2s. 2d.,	60	18	0	
420	For equivalent of Bank of Ireland Stock, £17 5s. 9d.,	40	13	7	
					1163 15 6
	GENERAL PURPOSES APPROPRIATIONS.				
246	In aid of Parliamentary Grant for cost of Books and Binding,	69	10	11	
184 } 159 }	In aid of Parliamentary Grant for publication of "Transactions" and "Proceedings,"	33	12	6	
250 }	In aid of Parliamentary Grant for objects connected with the study of Antiquities,	43	8	8	
6	Salaries,	323	10	0	
364	Wages and Liveries,	147	5	3	
226	Stationery,	51	15	3	
208	Miscellaneous Printing,	24	3	6	
431	Portrait of the late Charles Haliday,	42	0	0	
430	Copperplate of Irish Bells,	21	0	0	
					754 6 1
	CONTINGENCIES.				
66	Coals,	28	19	0	
74	Gas,	25	6	10	
83	Taxes and Insurance,	16	14	4	
100	Furniture and Repairs,	17	7	6	
462	Bank of Ireland, discounts on Cheques,	0	2	9	
443	Incidents, per Mr. Clibborn,	47	1	5	
412	Incidents, per Booksellers,	0	0	0	
392	Postage, per Mr. Hodges,	12	17	2	
					148 9 0
	Balance to credit of Year's Account, 1869-70,				2066 10 7
					20 17 4
	This balance is carried forward as follows, viz.,				
	To credit of Museum Catalogue,	1	19	8	
	To credit of general purposes,	18	17	8	
		£20	17	4	
					£2087 7 11

by knowledge and belief; and I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be
W. H. HARDINGE, Treasurer, R. I. A.

At, this 9th day of April, 1869,
S. O'FERRALL.

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